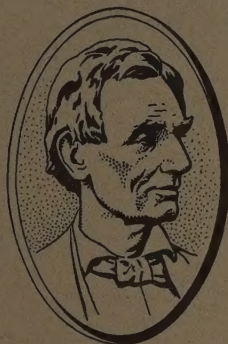


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and in that faith dare to do our duty*

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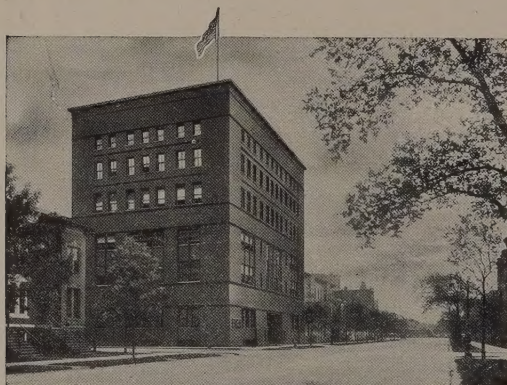
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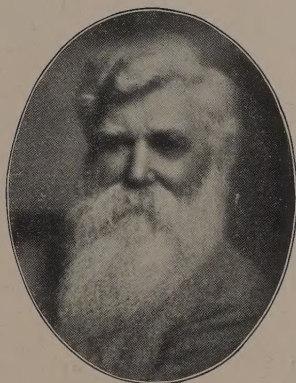


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This building is dedicated to public service honoring
the name of Abraham Lincoln, Democrat

FORM OF BEQUEST

Item. I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the Abraham Lincoln Centre, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois and having its principal office in the City of Chicago, in said state, the (here name amount of money or description of property to be given.)



Abraham Lincoln Centre, founded by
Jenkin Lloyd Jones in 1905, has served
the community and the civic life of
Chicago for twenty-four years.

DIRECTORY FOR 1929

Officers

President: Salmon O. Levinson.....4049 Lake Park Avenue
Vice-President: Mrs. Irwin S. Rosenfels...333 Linden Avenue, Oak Park, Ill.
Secretary:.....
Treasurer: Mrs. Francis Neilson.....4800 Drexel Boulevard
Superintendent and Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. Jenkin Lloyd Jones....
.....700 Oakwood Boulevard
Dean: Curtis W. Reese.....700 Oakwood Boulevard

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Miss Mary Pettibone Jones	Mrs. H. S. Ayres, Treasurer

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

I. Minutes of Annual Meeting of Corporate Members
January 11, 1929

Pursuant to notices duly sent out, the regular annual meeting of the Corporate Members was called to order at Lincoln Centre at 8:30 P. M. by President Levinson. A quorum was present.

The minutes of the annual meeting of January 12, 1928, were read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Francis Neilson, was read and approved.

Report of the Assistant Treasurer and Superintendent, Mrs. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, was read and approved.

Upon report in writing of the Nominating Committee, presented by Mrs. Neilson, the following Board of Trustees was elected for 1929:

MRS. J. LL. JONES	MRS. IDA S. RANDALL
MR. AND MRS. S. O. LEVINSON	CURTIS W. REESE
MRS. E. L. LOBDELL	MR. AND MRS. I. S. ROSENFELS
MRS. CHARLES E. NAGELY	MISS MATILDA C. SCHAFF
MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS NEILSON	MRS. E. E. SMITH
PAYSON S. WILD	

Departmental reports were made for Unity by Mrs. Levinson; for Friday Morning Forum by Mrs. Rosenfels; for Lincoln Centre Study Class by Mrs. Davidson; for Chicago Public Library Branch by Miss Harsh; for Social Service by Mrs. Ayres; for Boys' Department by Mr. Neilsen and Mr. Learch; for Girls' Department by Miss Parsons and Miss Cramer; for Domestic Science by Miss Ritchey; for Music by Miss Nagely and Miss McManus; for the Dramatic Department by Miss Pearson; for Lincoln Centre Camp by Mrs. Ayres.

Voted, that the Trustees and members of the Centre again express their gratitude to the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad for its generous gift of free transportation to the Lincoln Centre children to and from the Camp at Clear Lake, Wisconsin, in the summer of 1928.

Adjourned at 9:50 P. M.

Attest:

S. O. LEVINSON,
President

IRWIN S. ROSENFELS,
Secretary pro tem.

Pursuant to call, the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of Abraham Lincoln Centre was held at the office of Mr. S. O. Levinson, Chicago, at 4:45 P. M. Friday, January 25, 1929.

Present: Mrs. Francis Neilson, Mrs. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Mrs. Rosenfels, Mrs. Nagely, Mr. S. O. Levinson.

On motion duly carried the following officers were elected: President, S. O. Levinson; Vice-President, Mrs. Irwin S. Rosenfels; Secretary pro tem, Curtis W. Reese; Treasurer, Mrs. Francis Neilson; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Jenkin Lloyd Jones.

Adjourned.

Attest:

S. O. LEVINSON,
President

IRWIN S. ROSENFELS,
Secretary pro tem.

II. Treasurer's Report — Year Ending January 15, 1929

HELEN SWIFT NEILSON, *Treasurer*

The Endowment Fund of the Centre has been increased during the year by \$950.16, making the present total \$210,055.56 represented by cash and investments as follows:

Cash in Mid-City Trust & Savings Bank.....	\$ 227.42
Cash in Drexel State Bank.....	468.14
Stocks	30.00
Bonds	16,380.00
Notes	2,000.00
Mortgages	187,200.00
Other securities doubtful value.....	3,750.00
	\$210,055.56

During the year bonds and mortgages paid or partially paid totaled \$15,050.00. New investments in mortgages totaled \$20,000.00.

The income for the year was \$12,081.04, against \$9,336.15 last year—a gain of \$2,744.89.

STOCKS:

4 Shares Western Stoneware Co., 2nd preferred...\$ 30.00 \$ 30.00

BONDS:

Carlotta Building	6%	500.00	
Chicago Railways Co.....	5%	2,000.00	
Evergreen Terrace Apartments.....	6%	2,000.00	
Illinois Masonic Hospital.....	6%	700.00	
\$10,000.00 par Metropolitan W. S. Elevated			
R. R.	4%	8,180.00	
Washington Apartment Bldg.....	6%	3,000.00	\$ 16,380.00

NOTES:

Sumner Sollitt\$ 2,000.00 \$ 2,000.00

MORTGAGES:

Paul Angelo	6%	\$ 1,000.00
*Anna Bartak	6%	2,500.00
A. Brown	6%	4,500.00

E. Buyer	6%	8,500.00	
*F. Carrington	6%	1,500.00	
H. Cushman	6%	7,000.00	
S. Davidson	6%	15,000.00	
*W. Doheny	6%	2,500.00	
C. DeVito	6%	1,500.00	
A. Fagen	6%	10,000.00	
B. Fox	6%	6,000.00	
J. Friedman	6%	7,000.00	
I. Goldstein	6%	6,000.00	
J. Gramer	6%	11,000.00	
*B. Greenstein	6%	5,500.00	
H. Kayser	6%	5,000.00	
Lanone	6%	3,800.00	
*A. Markham	6%	5,000.00	
*O. Mattsen	6%	3,000.00	
A. Michelson	6%	40,000.00	
P. Price	6%	500.00	
I. Reifman	6%	15,500.00	
I. Star	6%	13,000.00	
W. Uher	6%	4,000.00	
H. Vandevort	6%	1,900.00	
M. Yoglovsky	6%	6,000.00	\$187,200.00
INTEREST ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.....		15.84	

SECURITIES HELD NOT BEARING INTEREST AND VALUE DOUBTFUL

Day & Hansen Mortgage Bonds.....	\$ 2,550.00	
J. M. Woodland Mortgage Bonds.....	1,200.00	\$ 3,750.00

MORTGAGES PAID DURING THE YEAR

Ben Boshes	\$ 4,500.00
Walter Heyman	6,000.00
A. Lehman	2,000.00
G. Mecker	500.00
I. Reifman, partial	500.00
I. Star, partial	1,000.00
Day & Hansen, partial	550.00

INTEREST ACCRUED PAID:

	\$15,050.00
Bartak	\$ 16.67
Doheny	16.25
Greenstein	50.41
Markham	130.83
Mattsen	5.50
Net Income	12,081.04

\$12,300.70	\$ 12,300.70
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INCOME — ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE

January 15, 1928, to January 15, 1929

INTEREST ON BONDS:

Carlotta Building	\$ 30.00
Chicago Railway Co.	100.00
Evergreen Terrace Apartment	120.00
Illinois Masonic Hospital	42.00
Metropolitan West Side Elevated R. R.....	400.00
Washington Apartment Bldg.	270.00

INTEREST ON MORTGAGES:

Angelo	\$ 60.00
Bartak	75.00
Boshes	199.50
Brown	270.00
Buyer	510.00
Carrington	30.00
Cushman	420.00
S. Davidson	900.00
Day & Hansen	1.72
Doheny	
DeVito	90.00
Fagen	600.00
Fox	360.00
Friedman	420.00
Goldstein	360.00
Gramer	660.00
Greenstein	330.00
Heyman	195.00
Keyser	300.00
Lanone	228.00
Lehman	80.33
Markham	300.00
Mattsen	
Meeker	15.00
Michelson	2,400.00
Price	30.00
Reifman	945.00
Star	810.00
Uher	240.00
Vandevort	114.00
Yoglovsky	360.00
Endowment Fund Interest	19.31
	\$ 12,300.70

III. Superintendent and Assistant Treasurer

MRS. JENKIN LLOYD JONES

For the twenty-fourth time I am making an annual report as superintendent and assistant treasurer of Abraham Lincoln Centre. This report can vary but little from the other twenty-three, for the work of Superintendent is much the same today as in the past. As the building grows older, however, repairs figure more largely than in the earlier days, and this year the pump, which had worked faithfully for twenty-three years, declined to function any longer.

A leak in one of the boilers and wornout lead pipes imbedded in concrete together with the installation of a new pump added greatly to the amount of the dreaded item "repairs." But notwithstanding all this we are able to come to the end of the year with all the running expenses paid or provided for.

This is largely due to the addition to the Endowment Fund made possible by the generosity of Mrs. Neilson, who gave two

dollars in addition to every one raised by others up to \$100,000.00. We still lack \$15,000.00 of the \$50,000.00 required. When that is raised another \$30,000.00 will be available.

It is a mistake to think that the Endowment, even when its maximum is reached, will be equal to carry on the work which Lincoln Centre might do. The subscriptions of our friends are still needed as well as their active co-operation and sympathetic interest.

We were able to pay the deficit on last year, but nothing as yet on the note for \$7,900.00, which we owe the Drexel State Bank. \$2,500.00 of this amount was used to pay off the old loan, and \$5,400.00 for the extraordinary repair bills for 1927.

We were glad for Dean Reese of the opportunity which came to him last November for extended travel, but regret his absence, especially on this occasion. Before leaving, he entrusted the direction of the work of the different departments to Mrs. Ayres. We who have worked with her these many years know with what ability and conscience she is filling the position, in addition to her Mothers' Club, Housewives' Club and welfare work.

In the reports which follow the workers will speak for themselves and tell you of the various activities carried on in Lincoln Centre.

The receipts which enabled us to meet our expenses this year came from the following sources:

Rentals	\$ 1,652.75
Rentals, 1927	25.00
Interest on Endowment—Net Income.....	12,081.04
Interest on Endowment, 1927.....	602.00
Subscriptions	10,939.81
Subscriptions, 1927	280.00
Fees from Clubs and Classes.....	339.90
	\$25,920.50

Two feelings stir me at this twenty-fourth annual meeting; one of gratitude for its past history and for the splendid men and women who have guarded its ideals through cloud and sunshine. And the other, a great hope that larger vision, high courage, and wisdom, may be given those who guide its future to face the new problems of the new day.

IV. Unity

MRS. SALMON O. LEVINSON, *President Unity Board*

Another year has come and gone, a momentous one in our history. On February 29th last, we celebrated the fiftieth anniversary

of the founding of UNITY. But it was more than a celebration; it was a milestone in a long journey, begun fifty years ago by Jenkin Lloyd Jones when liberal papers were few and tolerance of liberal ideas much less prevalent than it is today. There is something in a milestone to make us pause and look backward over the years. As we contemplate the years that are gone we feel a sense of sadness, and yet if an institution has principles at heart, as UNITY has, those principles have an eternal quality which becomes a part of the institution and through these principles and ideals it goes on triumphantly long after individuals associated with it are gone to their rest. There is that quality of courage and spiritual leadership which Mr. Jones imparted to UNITY, of love of freedom and fellowship that characterized it during his life and are among its deathless qualities. Innumerable testimonials came pouring in, written in the spirit of gratitude and love and appreciation, showing that the many men and women engaged in various occupations in the four corners of the globe "rallied as by a great impulse around the shrine of this great prophet of love and brotherhood and peace who had blessed their lives." It was indeed a memorable occasion and those of us who were fortunate enough to be present at the dinner felt that truly Mr. Jones' spirit came and sat with us while we supped, and mingled with us while we talked of our gratitude for the past and our high hopes for the future of UNITY.

We have tried very hard to increase our endowment. When the original sum of \$30,000.00 was raised before the war in the hope of putting UNITY on so firm a basis that in the years to come its perpetuity would be assured, that sum seemed quite sufficient for that end. And for a time it was. But with the economic changes that have come in these years since the war, with the cost of printing trebled and all other expenses multiplied, this has been quite insufficient. So we have, in this our fiftieth anniversary year, attempted to raise another \$100,000.00 as an addition to our endowment fund. Of this amount we have raised and are now receiving interest on \$47,611.00, which has helped materially to end the year without too much red ink. We are still hopeful of reaching the goal of \$100,000.00, and will be most grateful to any one of you who will either give us money or suggestions as to how we can raise it. We feel that this is the psychological time and having set ourselves the task, refuse to relax our efforts until we have attained the desired end.

We are anxious also to increase our circulation. UNITY goes into almost every State in the Union and practically every country of the globe. Our subscription list ought to be much larger than it is, although in respect of quality of its readers, it is second to none. I want to read you an extract from a letter which came to us yesterday from the historic town of Rouen, France. It was

written by a French woman, a teacher of English in the public schools of Rouen. She writes regarding the Kellogg Pact:

"Things moved very fast during the first six months, didn't they? No wonder that they have been standing still, ever since. Here in France, public opinion was certainly not prepared to that great move of Secretary Kellogg. So during the spring and summer I was asked to give lectures in many places: Women's Suffrage Societies, Societies for the League of Nations, Socialists' meetings, even Masonic Lodges, and had to explain the genesis of the whole thing, going back to your original plan in 1918.

"Thanks to that splendid paper *UNITY*, which you so kindly sent to me, I could refute all objections about American imperialism, and show people, proofs in hand, that all Americans are not militarists, and that in your own country there are people who object to the very same things we object to. Thus I could do my bit.

"But, dear me, there is still much to be done, for people are often very prejudiced, or at least unable to get out of their ruts and think new ways and means. Still we must not despair, for, as the saying is, Rome wasn't built in a day."

So *UNITY* carries its message across the sea.

Our Editor-in-Chief, Mr. Holmes, is now on the high seas on his way to the Holyland where he has been invited to dedicate the new social service centre in Jerusalem. The dedication will take place on January 31st and Dr. Holmes was selected for the mission of dedication, because of all the liberal ministers of America, he can best strike the universal note of brotherhood and peace consonant with the occasion, for the institution is to be not merely a Zionist Centre, but planned to meet the needs of all the people in Palestine—Jews, Syrians, Turks, Armenians, and Greeks alike. During his absence we shall receive weekly letters from Dr. Holmes to be printed in the pages of *UNITY* and we hope to receive a full account of the dedication and dedicatory sermon.

From Mr. Reese, one of our Associate Editors, we are receiving weekly letters from points all along the way to India, where he has gone to attend the meetings of the Brahmo Somaj.

May I close with the last words of Mr. Holmes' Anniversary Editorial? "*UNITY* feels no 'mortal mist gathering' on this its fiftieth birthday. Papers, like institutions, have a gift of survival denied to men. As it faces its second half century, it seems to feel new life leaping in its veins. With such years behind, are we not justified in dreaming of greater years ahead? This hour is to us an hour of new consecration."

V. Friday Morning Forum

CURTIS W. REESE	} <i>Chairmen.</i>
MRS. IRWIN S. ROSENFELS	
MRS. CHAS. E. NAGELY	
MISS MATILDA C. SCHAFF	

During the past year the Forum has gone much as usual. The program has been excellent. Among the speakers since January, 1928, were Jose Kelly on Mexico, Jerome Davis, Norman Thomas, Harry Overstreet, S. L. Joshi, exchange professor from India, Dr. Meyer Solomon, Prof. Harvey B. Lemon, Anna Louise Strong, Frederick Starr, Norman Angell, and Prof. A. G. Ogburn of the University of Chicago on "The Trend and Future of the Family." We had a benefit performance in April at which Florence Brinkman and Professor Schevill gave their services to the Forum.

We began our fall season with Dr. LeRoi G. Crandon, who talked of the Margery Mediumship. Emerson Hall was packed. Mr. Bridges of the Ethical Society talked of Behaviorism and Personality. Miss Gale drew a full room and a sympathetic audience. Following were Dr. Garrison on Catholicism and The American Mind; Parker Thomas Moon on the Foreign Policies of France; Quincy Wright on Getting Rid of War; Henry Neumann on Making a Living and Making a Life. So down to last week when Mr. Alain Locke came from Howard University to talk on Cultural Equality. This morning Scott Nearing spoke on Where Is Civilization Going?

Mr. Reese has been very busy since the Forum opened in October, so we all have worked to carry on the Forum until his return. We have made efforts to increase our membership and our income, but both seem to remain about the same from year to year. Intellectually and spiritually, however, our meetings are so worthwhile that they seem to merit our best efforts to keep the Forum going.

HELEN ROSENFELS.

VI. Lincoln Centre Study Class

MRS. BERNARD R. DAVIDSON, *Secretary.*

The Lincoln Centre Study Class has been organized for the purpose of pursuing courses in academic subjects. This group is intended for men and women who are interested not in the making of grades or the getting of credits, but in adult education as a factor in widening their scope of knowledge.

The Friday Morning Forum offers a lecture course on topics in general. The Study Class offers courses in specific subjects.

The initial course was given by Dr. Haydon of the University of Chicago, on the "History of Religions," and comprised twenty lectures.

On February 27th, Dr. Ferdinand Schevill will give one lecture on "Fascism," which will be followed by a series of six lectures by Professor Anderson of the University of Chicago, on "Biographical Studies In Nationalism and Internationalism."

It is the aim of the group to operate at a nominal expense in order to make the courses available to all who are interested. The group is affiliated with Lincoln Centre but operates as a financial entity. All who are interested in adult education are invited to enroll.

VII. Social Service

DR. MARY G. SCHROEDER	} <i>Chairmen</i>
MISS ALLIE M. ANDERSON	
MRS. H. S. AYRES, <i>Director</i>	

You are all well acquainted with the object and aim of the welfare work. Neighborliness covers it all. To point the way to a solution of a neighbor's family problem; to confer with mothers and fathers about their boys and girls; to be on hand and ready for any call for aid; smoothing the way for a few old folks; attempting to secure much needed employment, and to offer Lincoln Centre and all of its opportunities for recreational and cultural development to this community.

Faithful friends still send us clothing, which this year made possible two Rummage Sales, conducted in May and November, netting the department \$126.00. Fifty dollars was donated to the Camp, and the balance placed in the fund used to finance the welfare work, which receives no help from Lincoln Centre's budget.

This year \$205.50 was expended in relief work, which included the new clothing, bought at wholesale and given to the children of fifty needy families at Christmas time. Each child had an individual gift. The HERALD-EXAMINER furnished fifty baskets and a hundred chickens. The Vaughan Seed Store sent a case of holly, the Girl Scouts furnished toys, and there was candy for all.

Each year the Needlework Guild sends 150 new garments, most of them baby clothes, which we keep on hand for emergency calls.

The Mother's Club has held its meetings regularly, each first and third Tuesday afternoon. The first meeting of the month is devoted to serious business with a speaker and a discussion. The second meeting is devoted to fun and recreation, for mothers more

than anyone else, need to be re-created very often. How else do we expect them to live up to the splendid boys and girls that Lincoln Centre is producing each year. The Mothers' Club always stands ready to help at the Centre, from trimming the Christmas tree to chaperoning at dances and parties.

The Better Housewives' Club has kept up its record of making and presenting two fully equipped suitcases each year to Judge Bartelme, for her wards in the Juvenile Court. They also have their afternoons of fun, games and song, and are planning to do some folk dancing this winter.

Three courses in dressmaking, two for women and one for the senior girls, have been conducted by Mrs. Jane Perley Corson, and last May at the annual Mothers' and Daughters' Dinner, the mothers proudly presented a style show, which was an exhibit of their work done in this class.

The director has had new duties in addition to the welfare department this fall and winter, as assistant to Dean Reese. In his absence she has attempted to meet the problems and adjustments of a new set of workers.

The reports of these workers and their appearance this evening will allow you to judge for yourselves how that work has been done. All that has been accomplished is possible only because of the love and loyalty of Lincoln Centre friends, from the Board of Trustees, to the smallest members who proudly speak of "Our Lincoln Centre."

ANNA AYRES.

VIII. Camp

MR. C. ELWOOD JEFFERSON, *Director of Boys' Activities*
MRS. IDA S. RANDALL, *Chairman*
MRS. H. S. AYRES, *Director and Treasurer*
MISS IRENE CRAMER, *Director of Girls' Activities*

Another summer has come and gone, another camp period has become a happy memory in the lives of 247 girls and boys. Whole-some, busy days, filled with laughter and song, evenings—sometimes spent under the stars and moon, which seem closer than in the city, sometimes spent in story and song around the fireplace. Do you wonder that Chicago children love camp?

Beginning in March, when the members of the Centre gave their big Vodvil show and benefit and earned \$155.00 toward camp expense, plans began to be made for summer, and camp was the popular subject of conversation. The Penny Savings Society flourished and several children accumulated their camp fees in this way.

When applications were sent out in May, the hardest work of the Director and her assistants was to pick out the 44 fortunate ones to go in each group. Members of the classes in good standing are considered first. If there is room left, those who most need an outing are selected from the many who apply.

Mrs. Funk and Mr. Dana made many calls, Mrs. Jones wrote many letters, and the necessary contributions were secured. For every dollar paid in fees by the children, we must add at least another dollar to meet the necessary expense of feeding, housing and properly caring for our campers. Our expense this year was \$2,765.03.

The Milwaukee Railroad gave us the usual free transportation. If every child paid full fare, we could not be treated with more kindness and consideration by the railroad company, or the employees at the Union Depot. We were requested to make our trips on Mondays or Thursdays, as traffic is heaviest over week-ends to the Lake region. This necessitated making all trips back and forth in one day. We would leave camp at 9 o'clock in the morning, returning with our new group in time for supper at 7:30 the same evening. Thus every day of the summer vacation was a camping day—66 days in all.

The Young Peoples Religious Union held a five-day conference in June, before our camp opened, furnishing their own program. We supplied meals to an average of 35 people each day during this time.

The Director was assisted again this year by Elwood Jefferson, who acted as life saver, taught swimming, and took charge of the boys' activities. Irene Cramer directed the activities of the girls and assisted in many ways during the boys' camps. It was gratifying to have in this capacity one of our girls who has been a junior camper, senior camper, and leader.

The older boys and girls, graduate campers themselves, who gave their time as leaders worked hard, and took their responsibilities seriously.

Each year we have managed to carry our program a step further in interesting more boys and girls in nature. We are encouraged in that they show an increasing loyalty and devotion to the camp.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Smith and Mary made a short visit, and Mrs. Smith's comment was, "How well the children care for the camp. Everything is so neat."

We were fortunate that Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bragg were our near neighbors for the summer. Mr. Bragg's informal talks and discussions on Sunday afternoons and evenings were a valuable

addition to our program. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. James and Mr. E. A. Babcock were active committee workers and frequent callers, keeping a friendly eye on the camp and farm, and always ready to respond to our calls for help or advice.

Three new boats, a drinking fountain, and much new bedding was added to camp equipment this year, improvements costly but necessary.

The tests called for by the Board of Health were passed with a high rating, due to good water, sanitary drainage system, and the general plan of the camp. Special mention in the health report was made of our clear, open campus, without weeds or undergrowth.

The buildings need more repairs each year. New doors are needed on the dormitories, roofs will deteriorate, but the place is generally in good condition.

Lincoln Centre's Camp is indeed a memorial to Mr. Jones. This tribute was written by a camper last summer:

We can only admire and appreciate the spirit of Jenkin Lloyd Jones, and always in our hearts revere him, and honor him as a lover of nature and humanity. In later years his dream shall bear fruit in our lives, and the charm of his camp shall leave a tinge of beauty and color which will last us forever.

ANNA AYRES.

IX. Public Library

MISS VIVIAN G. HARSH, *Librarian*.

Libraries nation-wide have ceased to be store-houses for books and have become a vital part of the every-day life in communities.

It is indeed gratifying to know that the Lincoln Centre Branch is a working unit of a Public Library which has the largest circulation of books in the world. This enormous circulation is obtained through the use by the public of the Main Library, the 43 branch libraries, numerous deposit stations and sub-branches, and Junior High and High School libraries. Lincoln Centre Branch circulated for home use during the year 1928, 78,047 books to adult borrowers and 39,788 to juvenile readers, being a total of 117,835 volumes. Of that number 779 were issued in foreign languages. Our clientele in that department is not large but includes an earnest and interested group. The Reading Room was patronized by 60,463 persons and 3,016 reference questions were answered. Applicants for new cards numbered 1,577.

The purpose of Story Hours in connection with libraries is to entertain, to stimulate and instill in the mind of the child a love and appreciation for the best in literature (myths, fairy-tales and legends). The 34 story hours given this year had a total attendance

of 1,261 children, all alive and interested in the "Story-Lady's" selection for each Tuesday afternoon.

Two courses on "How to use the library" have been conducted with sixth grade classes from a nearby school. Instruction was given in use of the card catalog, simple explanation of the Dewey Decimal System, and, how to use a dictionary and an encyclopedia. This was a new experiment and the results have been most encouraging. The library presented programs at several school assemblies. The pamphlet and picture collections continue to prove useful tools for both teachers and pupils.

"Reading with a Purpose" courses are still attracting attention among adult patrons, giving evidence that this idea in adult education established by The American Library Association has been quite worth while.

The branch collection at present numbers 11,316 volumes, with a Rental Collection of current fiction and 68 periodicals of a popular and technical nature.

X. Domestic Science

MRS. GEORGE E. COOK, *Chairman*

MISS ANN E. RITCHEY, *Director*.

The report for the Domestic Science Department covers only the period from October 1 to January 1, during which time the present director has been in charge.

Three classes in sewing and three in cooking were organized the first week in October and met for the first time the following week.

The enrollment of regular and active members in Sewing in December was 33, and in Cooking 41. Besides these, there are about an equal number who attend whenever school and homework permit.

We have one aim in common with the other young people's departments of Lincoln Centre; that is to help the young people appreciate the better things in life and give expression to that which is finest and best in themselves. Besides this, each department has a more specific and immediate purpose. In the Domestic Science Department, this is to interest the girls in their homes and their personal appearance and habits. We want them to carry from their classes something which they may use elsewhere. It is often that a little girl is heard to say that she made a pudding or cooked a supper which she learned to prepare at Lincoln Centre.

In order to give the girls something tangible by which to measure their achievement, an honor point system is being used.

Each girl has a card for her sewing and her cooking class, and as she comes up to the standards of cleanliness, carefulness, etc., which have been set, honor points are marked upon her card. In order to further encourage the formation of these habits, "L. C." letters will be awarded at the end of the year to those who have met the minimum requirements.

Besides the classes, one club has been organized. The Senior girls who meet one evening a week for gymnasium come in on that day as soon as school or work is over, and prepare their supper in the Domestic Science kitchen. This gives them an opportunity to plan meals, and they demonstrated their ability to execute their plans when they gave a dinner for the boys' club and members of the Lincoln Centre staff.

Much credit is due to the volunteer teachers from the Chicago Normal School, who have so freely given their services in the teaching of four classes. Three new teachers, two of whom come from the Baptist Training School, have volunteered their services for the following year, which will add much to the efficiency of the department.

ANN E. RITCHEY.

XI. Music (Margaret C. and Mary V. V. Pinckney Endowment)

MRS. MEDA Z. STEELE	} <i>Chairmen</i>
MISS FLORENCE BRINKMAN	
MISS HELEN NAGELY, <i>Piano</i>	
MISS GERTRUDE MCMANUS, <i>Vocal</i>	

Piano

The aim of the Piano Department is to give thorough instruction at such a nominal sum that it will be within reach of all.

To each pupil is given a private lesson of one-half hour each week, and a class lesson of about forty-five minutes. The fee is one dollar per month.

The attendance this year has been much increased. Forty-eight girls and seven boys are enrolled.

The worker is on hand five days a week from 3:00 to 6:30, and Saturdays from 8:30 to 5:30, and to handle the large attendance, is assisted by five volunteer teachers, Margaret Crossman, Virginia Jensen, Marie Reese, Elizabeth Winfrey and Gertrude McManus.

Three piano recitals were given during the year, and on Saturday, January 12, at 2:30, another recital will be offered by the pupils, assisted by the vocal classes.

A musical club has been organized, called the B-Sharp Club, meeting on Saturdays to study the lives and compositions of great musicians.

HELEN NAGELY.

Vocal

Music has been justly called a "universal language," because it is known, studied, and enjoyed in every nation of the world.

The aim of our music classes is not to make artists, but rather to develop an appreciation of good music and to help each one to more thoroughly enjoy the wealth of pleasure that may be derived from music.

The Juniors and Intermediates have their Glee Clubs, and that they enjoy singing was shown at the Christmas parties when boys and girls grouped around the Christmas tree, and with childish fervor sang the glorious carols.

The Toy Symphony Orchestra is a great delight to the children. They like to show their aptness in handling the clogs, sticks, cymbals, tambourines, bells, and in so doing they are developing an accurate sense of rhythm.

The Senior Girls' Glee Club did some lovely two-part singing in the Christmas Pageant. We are now making plans for an opera to be given in the spring.

The Lincoln Centre Orchestra meets twice a week. There are ten members who are anxious to acquire ensemble skill. Each week new members are joining and the old ones work faithfully, hence our orchestral hopes soar skyward.

The Music Appreciation Course covers a study of musical forms, orchestral instruments, and national music.

My work at the Centre has been most enjoyable. The children are anxious to secure a musical background, and it will be a source of great joy if through my classes they secure a greater appreciation of that mysterious, yet fascinating subject, music, the universal language.

GERTRUDE McMANUS.

XII. Girls' Department

MRS. F. M. BLANCHARD	} <i>Chairmen</i>
MRS. S. O. LEVINSON	
MISS IRENE M. CRAMER,	<i>Director, Girls' Clubs</i>
MISS KATHERINE PARSONS,	<i>Director, Physical Dept.</i>

Clubs

Special attention was given this fall to organizing club work. This department was placed under a Director of Girls' Clubs. The

main purpose of the Club Work is to form a closer relationship between the girls and workers of the Centre; to organize them, bonding them together, as it were, and making them realize the definite part they play in the life of the Centre.

In October, Girl Scout Troop No. 72 was one year old and it seemed that all the trials and difficulties to be faced in the process of organization of any troop, were over. The girls have learned the fundamental principles of Girl Scouting and now have a well-balanced troop of Tenderfoot, Second Class, and Merit Badge Scouts who are always discovering that there are still many more worlds to conquer. The Girl Scouts is open to any girl who expresses her desire to join, and voluntarily accepts the promise and laws. The object of the organization is to bring to all girls the opportunity for group experience, outdoor life, and to learn through work, but more by play, to serve their community. We have a membership of thirty-nine girls ranging from ten to eighteen, with an average attendance, not counting visitors, of about thirty.

The Brownies meet every Wednesday afternoon. This group is made up of little girls from seven to ten, who are interested in playing games and in learning self-help, and how to "Lend a Hand" to their families. This new adventure is still undergoing the process of organization, but the, seemingly, worldly-wise youngsters are having their imaginations appealed to, and are learning some of the finer things little girls should know about community, home service, and general helpfulness. The Misses Adeline Fabbrini and Lillian Salk, formerly Lincoln Centre girls, now students of the Chicago Normal College, are responsible for the splendid piece of work being done in this group.

For the girls who are too old for Girl Scouting, or whose interests perhaps do not chance to run along that type of organization, there is a Senior Girls' Club which calls itself the Chi Gamma Chi. This is a promising group, and, it is hoped, will be one upon which Lincoln Centre can build and place any responsibility. These older girls are an interesting group, and are planning to do many things together as an organized body.

For another group of girls from ages ten to fourteen inclusive, we have the Joy Builders' Club. Through this club, which the girls have limited to a membership of fifteen, it is hoped to bring about more courteous and happier relationships, and to teach them, somewhat indirectly, the common essentials in living together in society. The members of this group of fourteen girls are also learning to respect one another's opinions. They have had parties, done interesting things, and given plays which have proved most beneficial and enjoyable. For the success of the Joy Builders, may I thank Miss Carrie Stephens, an old Lincoln Centre girl and an "L. C." camper, for the help and time she has so kindly given this group.

Thus concludes the report of the four new organizations whose total enrollment is eighty-five girls, and may they continue, to quote W. D. Nesbit, "To build high and true and fair, throughout the changing years."

IRENE M. CRAMER.

Physical Department

My particular job is looking after the physical recreation of the girls who come to Lincoln Centre. We have gym and dancing classes for various ages. Last year, 148 girls were served, in dancing and gym classes.

I was pleased to find upon my arrival a well equipped gymnasium. So too, it is a pleasure to find so many rooms with pianos in which dancing may be taught. Through the co-operation of the Chicago Normal School of Physical Education, we have nine splendid teachers. They are interested, enthusiastic young women.

The dancing classes worked hard on dances for the Christmas Pageant, and gave a creditable demonstration. The gym girls are working toward an exhibition which will be given in the middle of February.

On the first three Friday evenings in October, Camp Reunions were held. Aided by Mr. Learch, I put on the game program.

The Supper Club gave a dinner party, followed by a volleyball game between the boys and girls. The winners of that game played the Lincoln Centre workers. I am proud to say we beat the boys.

There were two very nice Christmas parties the week before Christmas. Games were played. Carols were sung. Then the children were sent happily home with candy and popcorn balls.

Lincoln Centre plays a very definite function in the community. I am proud to be a member of such an organization.

KATHERINE PARSONS.

XIII. Boys' Department

CURTIS W. REESE, *Chairman*

WALTER NIELSEN, *Athletics*

WILLIAM D. LEARCH, *Game Room and Clubs.*

Athletics

Keeping the body physically fit plays a big part in the lives of the boys and young men of Lincoln Centre.

The gymnasium is being used by 15 regular classes for boys each week. Every available hour from schooltime to 9:30 is occupied, several groups of adults coming in at the supper hour.

The enrollment and attendance at classes were small in October, but steadily increased as the weather grew colder, so that several classes have reached a full registration.

The Seniors are at this time chiefly interested in basketball, and two teams are practicing. One team will enter the Chicago Community Basketball League, and the other one is open for games outside the League.

Our very large group of Junior boys is worth mention. Forty boys, ages from nine to twelve, are regular in attendance and take part in all activities. They are working at the physical requirements of their Friendly Indian Club, and will make a good showing in the Gym Night we expect to put on for our parents and friends, early in April. This group also took part in the Christmas Pageant.

In the gym work as in all work of the Centre, we are trying to build character along with healthy bodies.

WALTER NIELSEN.

Game Room and Clubs

The Game Room is open each day for some group of our membership; the younger boys using the afternoon periods for game classes and club meetings, leaving the evenings open for senior boys.

This fall we have been trying out a new system of clubs, new here, but nationally known as "Friendly Indians." A most important phase of this club plan is the co-operation it requires from the parents of the members.

The boys are divided into groups, called tribes, each under an older leader who acts as adviser, checks up on their tests, coaches their teams, and with the help of the parents works out a home-chart on which the boys are credited with their achievements.

Early in the fall, at a meeting of the younger boys and their parents, the plan was outlined. Fathers and mothers seemed interested and promised their support and co-operation.

So far the club is a great success, and the boys are developing a real team spirit, as the tribes are competing against each other. Fair play is practised, and in the interest of the game, selfishness is forgotten.

The senior boys have organized a fraternity, doing all the planning of organization themselves. A constitution has been drawn up, pledge rules made, and their pin designed and ordered. They take part in all activities of the Centre. Their committees supervise the dances, the basketball games, and help with the plays.

In the game room, the outstanding interest is pool, and several tournaments have been held. A top spinning tournament aroused the enthusiasm of the younger boys.

An indoor golf game has been added to our collection of games, and it looks now as if we will turn out another Bobby Jones, as Jimmy Wilson so far has not been defeated.

The boys are working and playing together, forming everlasting friendships in a wholesome way, which are sure to make for good citizenship and clean lives.

WILLIAM D. LEARCH.

XIV. Dramatic Department

PAYSON S. WILD, *Chairman*

FRANCES B. PEARSON, *Director*

On taking up the work of the Dramatic Department of the Centre in October, I found a group of young men and women of the Senior Division well organized into a Little Theatre Group. This group is known as The Lincoln Centre Players. They were very active all last year, presenting several groups of one-act plays.

I knew something of the history of the group, and I wondered if their interest would bridge over from last season to this. A director is always on trial at her first meeting with a new group. She hopes that she will *pass* but sometimes she fails miserably. My fear and trembling at this meeting was added to by the following incident. Late in the afternoon a young man came to the desk, and Mrs. Ayres introduced him to me, telling him that I was the new Director of Dramatics and then she said to him, "You'll be here tonight, won't you?" He calmly looked me up and down and then said, "Well, I'll come for a little while and see how I like it." Needless to say, I kept the corner of my eye on that young man throughout the meeting and was pleased that he was the last to leave.

At that first meeting in October, 16 registered and there were several visitors present; at the next meeting there were 19, and at the meeting just before Christmas, there were 27, who actually registered for active membership. This is almost as large a group as can be handled with facility, for if the members are not kept busy they will lose interest.

Very naturally they all want to "act." A boy may say, "I don't want a part. Let me help backstage." But if this lad has to pull the curtain too many times he is really disappointed.

The group meets every Monday night; different plays are read and discussed and plans for the future made. Each cast must get in two rehearsals a week. Usually a good many of the other members of the club come to these rehearsals, and while one sometimes wishes they would stay away so that more might be accomplished with the small group working at that time, the fact that they are

interested and want to come makes one ashamed of their inner feelings, and delighted to have them right there.

The club plans to visit other Little Theatres during the next few weeks. The first dramatic presentation of two one-act plays, "Neighbors" by Zona Gale, and "The Trysting Place" by Booth Tarkington, was made December 7. Both of these authors very graciously permitted us to present their plays without paying a royalty.

On December 21, the Christmas Pageant "The Perfect Gift" was given. This represented the combined work of all departments. The pageant called for one tableau and the tableau called for several young men. Now young men usually think that tableaus are "silly" and we thought that perhaps when the night arrived we might be forced to substitute girls, but to our very great delight the boys were all there, and amid much groaning permitted themselves to be dressed as Kings of Orient, Shepherds, etc., though one boy did exclaim, "Miss Pearson, to think that you would do this to me."

Our object is two-fold. 1st: To read and appreciate and present good plays by good authors. 2nd: To help these young people to gain some of the characteristics that will help them in their daily lives. Perhaps this second is the more important, and perhaps I might add a third to these two. And that would be "a good time" in the most wholesome surroundings, for they always need the right sort of good times.

We also have a Junior Dramatic Class, to which our small girls belong. This class meets once a week and they are given voice exercises, work on enunciation, pronunciation, and other such drab things, in addition to their work on a play.

FRANCES B. PEARSON.



XV. Attendance Chart

WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' DEPARTMENTS

	No. Classes	Enroll- ment	Calls	Visi- tors	Volun. Tchrs.	Attend- ance:
Gymnasium	148	167	1	36	9	1,434
Piano Dept.	..	55	1	5	6	1,679
Chorus Work	70	62	..	6	..	634
Dancing	143	116	2	13	7	1,215
Cooking	69	36	..	..	3	630
Sewing	88	34	1	4	3	705
Games—Recreational	16	10	..	2	2	120
Library Club	19	13	..	..	1	201
Mothers' Club Meetings	18	51	8	12	..	593
Housewives' Club Meetings	16	45	2	5	..	253
Girls' Parties	15	..	..	..	..	382
Dressmaking Club	31	18	..	5	1	261
Mothers' & Daughters' Banquet	1	..	..	..	..	90
Scout-Brownies Meetings	49	42	5	11	2	1,156
Dramatic Club	33	24	..	..	..	328
Girls' Clubs	26	49	3	4	1	309
Story Hour	27	56	..	..	..	1,108
Supper Club	4	14	..	24	..	61
Christmas Carolers	1	34	..	2	..	36
Mothers' Club Dance	1	..	..	..	..	120
Housewives' Club Party	1	..	..	..	..	105
Basketball Games	9	9	..	..	..	58
	785	835	23	129	35	11,478

MEN'S AND BOYS' DEPARTMENTS

	No. Classes	Enroll- ment	Calls	Visi- tors	Volun. Tchrs.	Attend- ance:
Gymnasium	328	132	..	19	..	3,802
Piano Dept.	..	6	..	..	..	63
Games	164	55	..	24	..	1,257
Clubs	23	25	..	..	..	257
Gym Tournament	1	30	..	..	..	50
Basketball Games	2	20	..	..	..	45
Dancing Club	27	21	..	..	..	112
Jr. Hikes	1	15	..	..	..	15
	546	304	..	43	..	5,601

JOINT ACTIVITIES

	No. Classes	Enroll- ment	Calls	Visi- tors	Volun. Tchrs.	Attend- ance:
Dramatic Club	77	18	..	..	..	648
Lincoln Centre Players Rehearsals..	13	20	..	..	..	140
Orchestra	14	12	..	..	..	124
Piano Recitals	2	54	..	..	..	175
Gym Demonstration	1	85	..	..	..	150
Operetta	1	45	..	..	..	125
Dancing Parties	2	..	..	..	..	140
Rhythmic Band	17	10	..	..	..	130
Camp Reunions	3	..	..	..	..	135
Lincoln Centre Players—Shows	8	38	..	..	..	505
	138	282	..	..	..	2,272

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

	No. Classes	Enrollment	Calls	Visitors	Volun. Tchrs.	Attendance:
Welfare Dept.	..	..	224	357	..	385
Friday Morning Forum	21	138	..	..	..	2,005
Wednesday Study Class	13	40	..	..	..	503
Parents' Meetings	2	..	..	..	..	53
House Meetings	16	..	..	..	..	113
S. S. Bus. Men's Meetings	16	..	..	..	..	570
Oakland Bus. Men's Meetings	6	..	..	..	..	195
S. S. Athletic Club	19	15	..	..	..	497
L. C. Board Meetings	1	..	..	..	..	8
Library	..	..	..	..	..	62,473
Political Meetings	16	..	..	..	..	1,630
Store Employees' Meeting	1	..	..	..	..	125
Dances	3	..	..	..	..	215
Lincoln Centre Annual Dinner	1	..	..	..	..	125
Friday Forum Musical	1	..	..	..	..	70
Y. P. R. U. Drama Club	20	..	..	..	..	195
Y. P. R. U. Players	2	..	..	..	..	250
Danish Club Meetings	5	..	..	..	..	182
Oakland Business Men's Dance	1	..	..	..	..	180
Recital	1	..	..	..	..	150
Friday Forum Luncheon	1	..	..	..	..	95
Religious Fellowship Luncheon	1	..	..	..	..	50
Oakland Business Men's Dinner	1	..	..	..	..	300
Dancing Exhibition	1	..	..	..	..	175
Sunday Morning Services	4	..	..	..	..	150
Vodvil Nite	1	..	..	..	..	350
Rummage Sale	2	..	..	..	..	275
TOTAL	156	193	224	357	..	71,319
GRAND TOTAL	1,625	1,614	247	529	35	90,670

CATHARINE GAVIN, *Statistician.*

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THE DAYS THAT ARE DONE

Into the warp of the days that are done, O
God, have we woven the woof of our being.

Disheartened, unthinking, we say that the days
that are done, are done.

Father of days, in whose hand all days are at
hand, with Thy tools have we toiled all Thy
days that are done.

In the gladness of hope, in the sadness of
death, have we sought for Thy truth in the
days that are done.

On the stones of the past have we builded our
stent of the stairway that leadeth to Thee.

The mortar is mixed with our tears; uneven
the stones and ill fitted, scarred by faulty
strokes of the chisel, but grand is the struc-
ture Thou buildest thro' us, out of our days
that are done.

—*William Kent.*

At the Annual Meeting of the Abraham Lincoln Centre Corporate Board held on January 12, 1929, Mr. Salmon O. Levinson, President, spoke with great feeling and appreciation of William Kent and James Parker Hall. At a business meeting previously held on June 16, 1928, a committee had been appointed, consisting of Mrs. Edith Lloyd Jones, Mrs. S. O. Levinson, and Rev. Curtis W. Reese, to draft resolutions in memory of these two friends.

The Resolutions follow :

WHEREAS, *William Kent, a founder of Abraham Lincoln Centre, passed away March 13, 1928,*

THEREFORE, *Be it resolved that the Board of Directors and the members of Abraham Lincoln Centre record their deep-felt sense of loss. The thought of what he stood for will be a great inspiration through all the years to come, challenging to their best those to whom shall be committed the guidance of this institution.*

Always an idealist, in early youth he allied himself with great causes. To him, wealth was just an instrument with which to serve. He gave himself with his gifts. He was a democrat who lived his democracy. His conception of the duties of citizenship summoned him to action. When his conscience called, he gave himself wholeheartedly and with enthusiasm.

These qualities, combined with rare literary ability, human tenderness, and understanding drew him to Jenkin Lloyd Jones, first as a member and supporter of All Souls Church, and then to the building of Lincoln Centre, to which he gave largely of money and time. Together, he and Mr. Jones worked out its statement of purpose, name, and constitution. He was elected first president of the Lincoln Centre Board, and to the end was a generous supporter and loyal friend. Since his removal to California, Mr. Kent has been sadly missed from the councils of the Board.

To his wife who stood side by side with him in every good work and generous action, we extend our tender sympathy, and to the children whom we have known since their earliest years and watched grow into manhood and womanhood with pride and joy. We sorrow at the parting which has come all too soon, but dwell with great thankfulness on the thought that William Kent has lived and worked with us and shown us what a man might be.

RESOLVED, *That this resolution be spread upon the records of Abraham Lincoln Centre, and a copy sent to Mrs. Kent.*



WILLIAM KENT

WHEREAS, *James Parker Hall*, the beloved and revered secretary of *Abraham Lincoln Centre* since its organization in 1907, passed away March 13, 1928,

THEREFORE, Be it resolved that the Board of Directors and the members of *Abraham Lincoln Centre* record their appreciation of his rare gifts of heart and brain which were freely bestowed in the service of the institution in whose ideals he believed.

His wisdom and patience guided the deliberations of the Centre through many difficulties and to him it is indebted for its clear cut business records.

The passing of James Parker Hall has left more than a vacancy in the secretaryship of Lincoln Centre. In the hearts of his associates is a sense of personal loss, and great tenderness for the friend who has worked side by side with them for so many years. In our memories he will always stand as the embodiment of all that is finest in manhood.

To the wife and sons of this truly great and good man we extend our deepest sympathy.

RESOLVED, *That this resolution be spread upon the records of Abraham Lincoln Centre, and a copy sent to Mrs. Hall.*



JAMES PARKER HALL

ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE

Articles of Association

STATE OF ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JAMES A. ROSE, Secretary of State

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, A CERTIFICATE, duly signed and acknowledged, has been filed, in the office of the Secretary of State, on the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1907, for the organization of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE, under and in accordance with the provisions of "AN ACT CONCERNING CORPORATIONS," approved April 18, 1872, and in force July 1, 1872, and all acts amendatory thereof, a copy of which certificate is hereto attached:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES A. ROSE, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers and duties vested in me by law, do hereby certify that the said THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE is a legally organized corporation under the laws of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State. Done at the City of Springfield [Seal] this 2nd day of March, A. D. 1907, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-first.

(Signed) JAMES A. ROSE,
Secretary of State.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
COUNTY OF COOK }^{ss.}

To the Honorable James A. Rose, Secretary of State:

We, the undersigned, Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Blewett Lee, and William C. Boyden, citizens of the United States, propose to form a corporation, not for pecuniary profit, under an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, entitled "An Act Concerning Corporations," approved April 18, 1872, and all Acts amendatory thereof; and for the purpose of such organization, we hereby state as follows, to-wit:

- (1) The name of such corporation is THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN CENTRE.
- (2) The object for which it is formed is the advancement of the physical, intellectual, social, civic, moral and religious interests of humanity, irrespective of age, sex, creed, race, condition or political opinion, and in furtherance thereof the maintenance of institutions of learning and philanthropy.
- (3) The management of the aforesaid corporation shall be vested in a Board of not to exceed fifteen (15) Trustees, which shall be elected each year. The number of Trustees constitute the Board and the mode of their election shall be governed by the By-Laws of the corporation to be enacted from time to time by the Board of Trustees. (As amended Dec. 3, 1925.)
- (4) The following persons are hereby selected as Trustees, to control and manage said corporation for the first year of its corporate existence, to-wit: William Kent, Nathan B. Higbie, Lorenzo J. Lamson, Edward Morris, Charles L. Hutchinson, Julian W. Mack, John F. Holland, James P. Hall, Blewett Lee, Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Pastor of All Souls Church, and Ira N. Morris, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of All Souls Church.
- (5) The location is at the northeast corner of the Oakwood Boulevard and Langley Avenue, in Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois.

JENKIN LLOYD JONES.
WILLIAM C. BOYDEN.
BLEWETT LEE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
COUNTY OF COOK } ss.

I, Albert G. Miller, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that on this 27th day of February, A. D. 1907, personally appeared before me Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Blewett Lee, and William C. Boyden, to me personally known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing statement, and severally acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year first above written.

ALBERT G. MILLER,
Notary Public.

[Seal]

BY-LAWS

ART. I. *Members*—SECTION 1. This corporation shall consist of not to exceed sixty (60) members. The original members of this corporation shall be elected members by the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 2. Any vacancy which may at any time hereafter occur in the membership of the corporation, through death, resignation, inability to act, or any other cause whatsoever, shall be filled in the following manner, viz.: The Board of Trustees shall, by a majority vote, nominate in writing some person to fill such vacancy and such nomination in writing shall be presented to the members of the corporation, at its next annual meeting after the making thereof, or at any adjournment thereof, or at any special meeting of the members of the corporation called for such purpose, or at any adjournment thereof, and if the person so nominated shall thereupon be elected by the members of the corporation to fill such vacancy, he shall, upon such election and his acceptance thereof, become a member of the corporation. In case any person so nominated by the Board of Trustees to fill such vacancy shall be rejected by the members of the corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, by a majority vote, continue to make in the same manner further nominations in writing, until some person so nominated shall have been elected by the members of the corporation to fill such vacancy, and on such election and his acceptance thereof said person shall become a member of the corporation.

SEC. 3. A member who shall fail to attend two successive annual meetings of the corporation shall thereby cease to be a member of the corporation, but the Board of Trustees, by a majority vote, may reinstate such person in membership.

ART. II. *Trustees*—SECTION 1. All of the affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of fifteen (15) Trustees, who shall be elected as such Trustees by the members of the corporation, from among their own number, at the annual meeting of the members of the corporation (or some adjournment thereof), and said Trustees not acting *ex-officio* shall hold office for one year or until their successors have been duly elected.

SEC. 2. In case any vacancy in the Board of Trustees shall occur by reason of death, resignation, inability to act, or any other cause, such vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board of Trustees, at any general or special meeting. Any person chosen by the Board of Trustees to fill any such vacancy shall hold office until such vacancy shall have been filled by the members of the corporation at their annual meeting (or some adjournment thereof), or at a special meeting (or some adjournment thereof) of said members, called for the purpose of filling the same.

ART. III. *Meetings*—SECTION 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the members of this corporation held on the second Thursday in January in each year. The Board of Trustees at any special meeting may change the date of the annual meeting to any other date on written notice to the members of the corporation mailed at least three (3) days before the day of the proposed meeting. Special meetings of the members of the corporation may be called at any time by the President, on written notice to the members mailed at least two (2) days before the day of the meeting. Ten (10) members present, in person or by proxy, at any annual or special meeting of the members of the corporation shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business of the corporation.

SEC. 2. There shall be an annual meeting of the Board of Trustees held not later than 30 days following the annual meeting of the members of this corporation. Such annual meeting of the Board of Trustees may, by a majority vote of the Trustees present at such meeting, be adjourned to any date within one (1) month thereafter, without giving notice of such adjournment.

Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the President at any time on written notice to all the Trustees, mailed at least two (2) days before the day of such meeting. Five Trustees shall constitute a quorum at any annual or special meeting of the Board of Trustees, for the transaction of any business.

SEC. 3. Less than a quorum of either the Board of Trustees or of the corporate members may meet and adjourn, either indefinitely, to a fixed date, or subject to the call of the President.

ART. IV. *Officers and Committees*—SECTION 1. At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees, or any adjournment thereof, the Board of Trustees shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

SEC. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members of the corporation and of the Board of Trustees, and shall be *ex-officio* member of all committees and sub-committees, with power to appoint a substitute *pro tem*. The President shall make a full report at the annual meeting of the members of the corporation upon the work of the Abraham Lincoln Centre during the preceding year.

SEC. 3. The Vice-President shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the President, in case of the President's absence or inability to act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary shall have the custody of all the books and papers of the corporation, and shall make and preserve complete records of all meetings of the members of the corporation and of the Board of Trustees, and shall perform all such other duties as may be required by the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and keep the funds of the corporation, and shall disburse the same, subject to the supervision of the Board of Trustees. His books shall be open at all times to the inspection of the Board of Trustees, or any person designated by them to examine the same. The Treasurer shall make a financial report at the annual meeting of the members of the corporation, and shall make such other reports from time to time to the corporation or the Board of Trustees as from time to time may be required by either of them.

ART. V. *Amendments*—These By-Laws and the Articles of Incorporation may be modified, altered or amended at any meeting of the Board of Trustees by majority of the whole Board of Trustees, *provided* notice of the proposed amendment shall have been mailed to all of the Trustees at least one (1) week prior to the day of such meeting.



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